



## FORESTRY NEWS



### HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Celebrations will be especially vivid for a new college graduate who joins the ranks of the Fort Apache Agency



forestry staff. Alyandra (Aly) Aday is the first person in her immediate family to graduate from college. Aly is a 2014 NAU graduate with both a Forestry Degree and a Certificate in Fire Ecology and Management. She was a recipient of the Intertribal Timber Council scholarship in 2013.

Aly's educational background is unique as far as the places it has taken her. After finishing junior high school in Canyon Day she attended Sherman High School in CA for one year before transferring to Flandreau High School in SD.

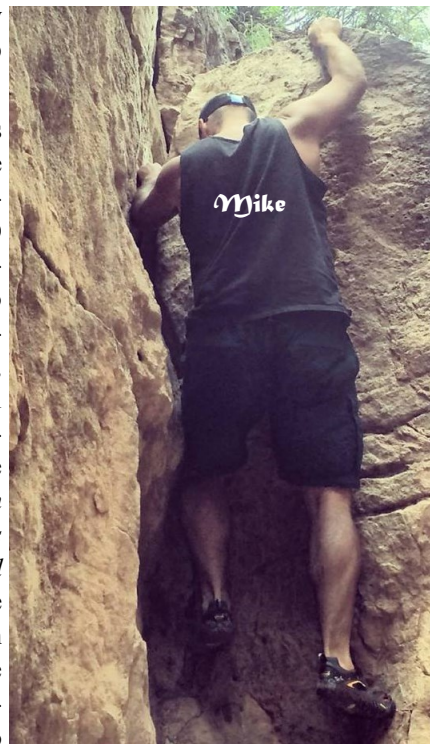
Amazingly, she finished all requirements for her high school degree in 3 years and graduated valedictorian of her class. Initially, Aly remained in SD to attend South Dakota State University but returned to Arizona one year later to attend NAU. While at NAU, Aly was active in several clubs on campus such as the Forestry Club, the Student Association of Fire Ecology, the Society of American Foresters, and Native American United where she served as Vice President and helped host a campus pow wow. During the summer months, Aly worked for one season with Tribal Forestry & the BIA at home and one season at the Truxton Canon Agency.

### Climbing to New Heights

Mike Frank accepted the Timber Sales GS-11 Supervisory Forester position. He had been working in Presales since arriving at the Agency in 2012. He now shifts gears to help lead another section.

Mike stated that he is excited that he will be in a position to directly help WMATCO because of the enterprise's importance to the tribe. After working at other locations, Mike appreciates all the forest management activities that he sees here. *"The health of the forest is dependent on good management"* Mike has worked for both the BIA and the USFS since graduating from Colorado State University and was first

October, 2012. He enjoys hiking and exploring the White Mountains. Mike was also happy to be called to help out on several of the recent fires that burned



locally and down on the San Carlos Reservation.

### Granite Mountain Hotshot Memorial

A memorial for the 19 firefighters who died one year ago on the Yarnell Hill Fire was held in Prescott on June 30, 2014. Moving speeches, the ringing of the bell 19 times outside the historic Prescott Courthouse, and bagpipe music were all part of the somber memorial. A song written by an Arizona composer entitled *In Memoriam* debuted as well. May they all rest in peace.



### FOREST HISTORY

A brand new 74-page hard-bound Forest History book has just been published. It is entitled "Fort Apache Forestry 1985-2010". It is a companion document to the original "Fort Apache Forestry 1870-1985" that was published in 1990. Author Dr. Anthony Godfrey has published quite a few forest history volumes in Indian Country and enjoyed the challenge of recording history here.

